

I. In the claims:

Please amend the application as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for billing ~~users in a service provider environment~~ comprising ~~the steps of~~:
 - (a) assigning a weight score to ~~each of at least one~~ a webserver function, wherein said score is a property of said function;
 - (b) identifying a user;
 - (c) identifying from a file determining if said at least one function has been accessed by the user;
 - (d) ~~determining~~ identifying a number of uses of the function accessed in response to said determination ~~by the user~~; and
 - (e) ~~determining~~ calculating an amount of usage by combining the number of uses of the function accessed by the user with the weight assigned to ~~that the~~ function; and
 - (f) billing said user for said calculated amount of usage.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of ~~determining~~ calculating an amount of usage ~~comprises the step of~~ includes multiplying the number of uses of the function accessed by the user by the weight assigned to that function.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising ~~the step of~~ determining a total amount of usage for the user by conducting a summation of a quantity of said amount ~~summing amounts of usage.~~
4. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the file is a webserver function log file.
5. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the file is a user log file.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented system for billing a user in a service provider environment, ~~wherein said system comprises comprising:~~
- (a) a function weight ~~that is assigned to each of at least one~~ a web-server implemented function, wherein said weight is a property of said function;
 - (b) a user identification;
 - (c) ~~at least one said function adapted to be that is~~ accessed by the user from a file;
 - (d) a manager adapted to track a number of uses of the function accessed by the user;
and
 - (e) ~~an a usage amount of usage of the user that is determined~~ calculated by combining the number of uses tracked by said manager of the function accessed by the user with the weight assigned to ~~that the~~ function.
7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the ~~amount of~~ usage amount is determined by multiplying the number of uses of the function by the weight assigned to that function.
8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6, further comprising a total amount of usage for the user by summing amounts a quantity of said usage amount.
9. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the file is a webserver function log file.
10. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the file is a user log file.
11. (Currently Amended) An article for billing a user in a service provider environment comprising a computer-readable signal bearing medium storing instructions comprising:
~~a computer-readable signal-bearing medium;~~
means in the medium instructions for assigning a weight to a web-server implemented function;
means in the medium instructions for identifying determining at least one function that is

accessed by the user from a file;

~~means in the medium~~ instructions for ~~determining a number of uses of~~ identifying the function accessed by the user responsive to said determination instruction assigned to that function; and

~~means in the medium~~ instructions for ~~determining~~ calculating a usage amount by combining the number of uses of ~~each~~ said function by the weight assigned to ~~that~~ said function.

12. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 11, wherein the instructions for calculating usage amount of usage ~~is determining by~~ includes multiplying the number of uses of the function by the weight assigned to ~~that~~ the function.
13. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 11, further comprising means instructions for determining a total amount of usage for the user by summing usage amounts.
14. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 11, wherein the file is a webserver function file.
15. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 11, wherein the file is a user log file.
16. (Original) The article of claim 11, wherein the medium is a recordable data storage medium.
17. (Original) The article of claim 11, wherein the medium is a modulated carrier signal.